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There is attached a revision of letter from the Director to President of the Civil Service Commission, in response to the Commission's letter of February 6. The revision is based on a meeting between and myself with Mr. Hatcher, Chief, Investigation Division, Mr. Hugh Crowe and Mr. Kimbell Johnson, of the Civil Service Commission. At this meeting we explained the agency's position in regard to the Loyalty Program and the general tenor of the meeting was to the effect that the Commission's representatives fully understood and appreciated our problem and position. They indicated, however, that it was a matter for the Commission to make final determination and that they would appreciate a reply setting forth the principal points of discussion such as are set forth herein. The certification by CIA to the Civil Service Commission that certain loyalty program requirements are being carried out was indicated by Mr. Hatcher to be satisfactory for their reporting purposes.

It was stressed during the meeting that the responsibilities of the Director for the protection of intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure prevented CIA from submitting in any form rosters or lists of personnel which would in any way disclose our strength and total identity of personnel. The revision submitted herewith covers the points of discussion raised by the Commission's representatives.

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